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MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association will be held at Fairmont, October 4-6, 1910, while the libraries of Northern Minnesota will unite with the North Dakota Library Association in a joint meeting at Fargo and Moorhead, September 30-October 1.

Fairmont Meeting.

Arrangements for the Fairmont meeting are practically completed, and the Fairmont library board is sparing no effort to make the meeting a success in every way. There are over 50 public libraries south of the Twin Cities, and within easy access to Fairmont, and it is hoped that every one of these libraries may be represented at this meeting. Aside from practical suggestions and information which may be gained from the discussions, the feeling of fellowship among library workers which is developed in such gatherings will go far to give the librarians inspiration and enthusiasm for the coming year's work.

Program. The opening session will be a public meeting, Tuesday evening, October 4th, in the Methodist Church. After the address of welcome, by W. L. Lamb, president

of the Fairmont library board, and the response and opening address by the president of the association, the address of the evening will be given by Mr. Chalmers Hadley, secretary of the American Library Association. At the close of the session, adjournment will be made to the library across the corner where an informal reception will be held, and light refreshments will be served. Wednesday morning will be devoted to round table discussions of practical problems. For the public libraries section there will be a question box conducted by Miss Baldwin, and time will be given to inspect and discuss the exhibits which will be arranged on tables, each in charge of some one who is prepared to answer questions and explain the purpose of the collection. The exhibit of library records, including a model card catalog, loan system and various blanks and forms will be in charge of Miss Carey; the collection of various library bindings, with mending supplies will be shown by Miss Wilson, who will also demonstrate the time and manner of mending books; Miss Pringle of the Commission will have charge of the Commission exhibit of children's books, with aids for the story-hour and picture bulletins, and Mrs. McPherson of Stillwater will show various ways of library advertising.

The trustees' round table will be conducted by Dr. J. A. Hancock of the Mankato library board. Topics for discussion are county extension, library hours, vacations, the library budget, annual reports, etc.

In the early afternoon there will be a boat ride on the lakes, and on the return from this trip an automobile ride will be

given. A banquet will be served at 6:00 p. m., and the evening program will be a book symposium. This will consist of 10 minute discussions of individual books or groups of books in fiction, biography, travel, children's books, sociology, useful arts and poetry. Among those who will take part in the symposium are Miss Anne Wood, St. Paul; Miss Gladstone, Carleton College; Mrs. Connor, Austin; Miss Bartleson, Minneapolis; Miss Sands, Red Wing; Miss Howe, Minneapolis, and Mrs. McIntosh, Worthington.

On Friday morning, there will be a discussion on the Correlation of the school library and the public library from the point of view of both the library and the school, and Miss Van Buren will lead a discussion on The work of the library for civic improvement. This will be followed by Impressions of the A. L. A. conference, by those who attended. The session will conclude with election of officers and reports of committees.

Rooming. As the hotel accommodations are limited, the people of Fairmont have shown their hospitality by agreeing to open their homes for the accommodation of the delegates.

Rooms may be obtained in private houses for 50 cents a day, with breakfast, when desired, at 25 cents. Meals at the Bullard House will be 50 cents each, and at Hotel Heidel, 35 cents each. All those planning to attend should write at once to Miss Minnie Bird, Fairmont, stating the accommodations desired, and choice of roommate.

Railroads. Fairmont is reached on the Southern Minnesota branch of the C., M. & St. P. Ry., or on the Chicago & Northwestern, via Madelia. Those going from the Twin Cities can take the C., M. & St. P., leaving Minneapolis at 11:55 a. m. and St. Paul 12:05 noon, and reaching Fairmont, via Wells at 6:27 p. m. The Chi. & N. W. train leaves Minneapolis at 9:30 and St. Paul at 10:05 a. m., arriving in Fairmont at 3 p. m. Trains from Southwestern Minnesota arrive in Fairmont at 4:09 p. m.

Moorhead-Fargo Joint Meeting.

As the regular 1910 meeting of the Minnesota Library Association is to be held in Fairmont, in the extreme southern part of the state, the executive committee deemed it advisable for the libraries in Northern Minnesota to unite with the North Dakota Library Association in a joint meeting at

Moorhead and Fargo, September 30-October 1. As many of the libraries in the northern part of the state have never been represented at the state association, it is hoped that they will take advantage of this opportunity and that the Minnesota delegation at this joint meeting may adequately represent the library interests of Northern Minnesota.

Program. Friday morning, September 30th, will be spent in visiting the libraries in the two cities in which no sessions are to be held. In the afternoon the first joint session will be held in the Fargo public library. The opening address will be delivered by Dr. Max Batt, president of the North Dakota Library Association on The library and the peace movement. A paper on The library and social betterment will be read by Miss Mabel Newhard, librarian, Virginia, Minn. Mr. Brown of Madison, Wis., will give an illustrated talk on the Relation between the museum and the library, and a report of the A. L. A. conference at Mackinac will be given by Miss Frances Earhart, librarian, Duluth, Minn. In the evening a public meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Moorhead Normal with an address by Mr. Chalmers Hadley, secretary of the American Library Association.

On Saturday morning the various round table meetings will be held. The public libraries round table will be conducted by Mrs. Minnie Clarke Budlong, secretary of the North Dakota library commission. Some of the topics proposed for discussion are Problems of the institutional library, How to use the library, Fiction pay collections, New developments in the relation of library and school, Closer touch among the librarians of the state. In connection with this round table there will be exhibits arranged by the library commissions of the two states, showing library records, library bindings and mending supplies, children's books and picture bulletins, and ways of library advertising.

The trustees round table will be conducted by Bishop Cameron Mann of Fargo, and that for school and college libraries is in charge of Miss Jessie McKenzie, librarian of the Moorhead Normal.

The afternoon program will be a book symposium, when brief reviews of recent books will be given as follows:

Addams—Democracy and social ethics—Miss Josephine Hargrave, Dickinson, N. D.

Ross—Sin and society, Mr. Sveinbjorn Johnson, Legislative reference librarian, North Dakota commission.

Rauschenbush—Christianity and the social crisis, Richard A. Lavell, Minneapolis public library.

Torrel—Mars as an abode of life, Miss Alice Paddock, Jamestown, N. D.

Hopkins—Soil fertility and permanent agriculture, J. H. Shepperd, N. D. Agricultural College.

Loti—Egypt, Miss Grace Foland, Moorhead public library.

As advertised, old and new, Edwin T. Reed, Moorhead Normal School.

The session will close with a business meeting of the North Dakota association and an informal conference of those present from Minnesota.

Rooming. The Gardner hotel, Fargo, will be headquarters, where rooms may be obtained for from \$1 to \$3.50 per day. Meals on the European plan. Combination meals are served at the cafe from 35 cents up, as well as the usual a la carte bill of fare. Write directly to the hotel for reservations, stating price of room desired, arrangements for roommate, and time of arrival.

Railroads. Fargo is reached either by the Northern Pacific or Great Northern from Northern and Central Minnesota and from Western Minnesota by a branch of the C., M. & St. P. running from Ortonville to Fargo. Trains on all roads arrive in Fargo in the morning, the best trains from the Twin Cities being the North Coast Limited leaving St. Paul at 11:00 a. m., Minneapolis 11:30 a. m., arriving in Fargo at 5:33 p. m. or the night train leaving St. Paul at 10:35 p. m., reaching Fargo at 8:00 a. m.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On the evening of June 28th, a party of thirty left Duluth on the steamer North-west to attend the thirty-second conference of the A. L. A. at Mackinac Island. This number included twenty-five from Minnesota, four from North Dakota and one from Wisconsin. The trip through the Houghton canal, Lake Superior, the locks at Sault Ste Marie and down the St. Mary's river was so thoroughly enjoyed that all regretted leaving the boat when it reached Mackinac on the afternoon of the 30th.

The attendance at the conference was somewhat less than at Minnetonka two

years ago, with the largest representation from the Middle West. The Grand Hotel commanding a beautiful view of the lake was headquarters, and afforded ample accommodations, with convenient and comfortable meeting rooms for the various sections as well as the general sessions. The natural beauties of the island offered numerous attractions in the way of walks, drives and excursions by boat.

Friday, July 1st, was Michigan day. There was a drive around the island in the afternoon, followed by five o'clock tea served by the Michigan Library Association on the piazza of the hotel. In the evening the first general session was held in the Casino. President Hodges gave the key-note of the conference in his president's address, which was a plea for the correlation of library work with other efforts for social betterment and emphasized the broadening interests of the profession. After the opening address an interesting program of Michigan songs, legends and history was given. At the second general session, the report of Mr. Hadley, secretary of the A. L. A., was of special interest, describing the work of A. L. A. headquarters since its establishment in Chicago last September and outlining the future policy of the executive offices. The report showed the various demands which are made upon the secretary, with a gratifying record of results accomplished. Dr. Charles Hubbard Judd, director of the School of Education, University of Chicago, spoke as the representative of the N. E. A. on the library and the school, treating this rather well-worn theme with freshness and vigor, and making some original suggestions as to ways of co-operation along the lines of definite instruction as to use of books by students.

The book symposium, conducted by J. I. Wyer, Jr., New York State Library, was one of the most interesting features of the program. Recent interpretations of American life in fact and fiction, including Van Dyke's Spirit of America, Croly's Promise of American life, Brooks' As others see us, White's A certain rich man, Churchill's Modern chronicle, Connor's The foreigner, Coolidge's Chinese immigration, Faust's German element in the U. S., Holt's Life stories of undistinguished Americans, Steiner's Immigrant tide and Zangwill's Melting pot, were briefly presented, followed by five minute

reviews of other recent books in biography, travel and fiction. Mr. Wallace Rice, of Chicago, gave a most interesting presentation of Practical book reviewing and manuscript reading from the inside. At the third general session, the subject of recreation for librarians was considered more or less seriously under the direction of Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, Grand Rapids Public Library. A paper on Recreation for professional people by Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of the University of Michigan was summarized by Mr. Dana, and a number of well-known librarians set forth their favorite sports and pastimes with enthusiasm and humor. In the evening an illustrated lecture on Playgrounds and recreation by Graham Romeyn Taylor, associate editor of the Survey, presented with graphic picturesqueness the progressive work which has been done in Chicago for the children of the street and tenement.

July 4th was celebrated by the assembly of the entire association in the Casino before the day's program began, when the Declaration of Independence was read, followed by the singing of America.

The usual meetings of sections and affiliated bodies were held for the discussion of special problems. Of these, the meetings of the special libraries association perhaps attracted most attention, and the symposium of Books about children was the feature of the Children's Librarians' Section. Books dealing with conditions surrounding the daily life of modern children and plans for improving them were reviewed by different speakers, and the value of co-operation with other workers for children's welfare and of a thorough knowledge of allied activities was emphasized, thus carrying out the general theme of the program.

The programs of the League of Library Commissions and of the Agricultural libraries round table took up the problems of work with the farmer, discussing various methods of popularizing agricultural literature, and ways of reaching the farmer through direct service to individuals, traveling libraries and extension of the use of local public libraries in rural communities.

Minnesota was represented on the program by John E. King, State Librarian, who gave the opening address as president of the National Association of State Libraries and also responded to the address of wel-

come, at the first session of the American Association of Law Libraries; Miss Maud van Buren, Librarian, Mankato, who read a paper before the Professional Training Section, on the Apprentice class in the small library; Miss Anna M. Smith, Librarian, Dept. of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, who presented a paper at the Agricultural Libraries Round Table on Instruction of students in the use of agricultural and scientific literature, and Miss Countryman, Librarian, Minneapolis, who pictured the advantages of sleeping out of doors in the Recreation symposium.

At the Minnesota dinner on Sunday evening, more than 30 were present, including Mr. Wyer of the New York State Library, Miss Julia Rupp, of New York City, Miss Sabra Nason, of Ironwood, Mich., and Miss Nelle A. Olson, of Mayville, N. D., who were formerly connected with Minnesota libraries.

Officers for 1910-11 are: President, J. I. Wyer, Jr., Albany, N. Y.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Elemendorf, Buffalo; 2nd vice-president, W. Dawson Johnston, N. Y., Secretary, Chalmers Hadley, Chicago; Executive Board: Herbert Putnam, Washington, D. C.; Purd B. Wright, Los Angeles.

The 1911 conference will probably be held in Southern California.

Attendance Register from Minnesota.

Baldwin, Clara F., Library Commission, St. Paul.
 Bullock, Edna, Asst. H. W. Wilson Co., Minneapolis.
 Carson, Helen, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Cloud, Josephine, Supt. of Circulation, P. L., Minneapolis.
 Connor, Mrs. Flora C., Ln. P. L., Austin.
 Countryman, Gratia A., Ln. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Dinsmore, Lucy C., Ln. North Side Branch, Minneapolis.
 Earhart, Frances E., Ln. P. L., Duluth.
 Fernald, Louise M., Ln., P. L., Rochester.
 Gaylord, Alice, Asst. P. L., Duluth.
 Gilbert, Lucy, Attendant, Picture Gallery, P. L., Minneapolis.
 Howe, Harriet, Head cataloger, P. L., Minneapolis.
 Jordan, Lois, Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 King, John E., State Librarian, St. Paul.
 King, Mrs. John E.
 Lane, Grace, Asst., U. of M., Minneapolis.

Lowe, H. Louise, Ln., P. L., Cloquet.
 McCaine, Mrs. Helen, Ln. P. L., St. Paul.
 McCaine, Adelaide, St. Paul.
 McKenzie, Jessie, Ln. Normal School, Moorhead.
 Newhard, Mabel, Ln. P. L., Virginia.
 Palmer, Margaret, Ln. P. L., Hibbing.
 Patten, Katharine, Athenaeum Asst. Ln. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Sears, Minnie E., Head cataloger U. of M., Minneapolis.
 Seely, Blanche M., Ln. Pillsbury Branch, Minneapolis.
 Smith, Anna M., Ln. Agricultural Library, St. Anthony Park.
 Spear, Lois M., Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 VanBuren, Maud, Ln. P. L., Mankato.
 Wilson, H. W., Publisher, Minneapolis.

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1910.

The Summer School of 1910 was held June 20 to July 29 at the State University, under the direction of the Secretary of the Commission. The instruction in classification, cataloging, shelf-list and accessioning was given by Miss Miriam E. Carey, organizer of the Commission and continued throughout the entire course. The lectures were supplemented by practice work which was carefully revised, so that the students took home to their libraries corrected samples of all library records.

Nine lectures in book selection were given by Miss Martha Wilson, librarian of the Commission. This course included a very brief consideration of book evaluation and criticism, and a study of books was made by taking up the principles of selection as applicable in the various classes of literature. Typical books were examined by the students and each gave a review of one book at recitation, with general discussion, thus covering a large number of books in the limited time. Library and trade buying lists were distributed and discussed with the general problem of book buying for the small library, how, when and where to buy, and how to get the books read. All notes and daily reviews were revised and the students submitted as a final test a list of 20 books suitable for her own library with review of one.

Following the course in book selection, were six lectures on reference work, covering use of reference material found in most small libraries and annotated lists for

buying, including periodicals and indexes, and work with clubs and debating societies. Miss Wilson also gave the lectures on binding, showing the essential points of good library binding, comparison of special library binding, with practice work in mending books. A visit to the Waldorf bindery followed the lectures, when all the processes of binding were clearly demonstrated.

The series of 10 lectures on Work with children given by Miss Effie L. Power, first assistant in the Children's department of the Carnegie library of Pittsburg was the most interesting feature of the course, and attracted a number of librarians who came for this special work. Among these were Miss Jeannette Clarke, Winona; Miss Louise Fernald, Rochester; Miss Hattie Marvin, Zumbrota; Miss Martha Chapin, Owatonna; Miss Clara Jehle, Lindstrom; Miss Elizabeth Dennis and Mrs. Drew, St. Paul; and Miss L. C. Dinsmore, Miss Blanche Seely, Miss Arabel Martin, Miss Martha Ingerson, and Miss Elizabeth Thorson from the Minneapolis branches. Miss Power dwelt particularly on the books themselves, taking the Minnesota School library catalog as a basis, calling attention to the most important books in each class, and comparing their useful and attractive features. The course was extremely practical as well as stimulating, the necessary preparation for children's work being summed up by Miss Power as follows:

"Make yourself rich in book resources. Study children's interests. Profit from the experience of others. In all things, use your common sense."

Miss Baldwin gave the lectures on administration including Relation of the librarian to trustees; the business side of the library; rules and regulations, library extension and publicity.

An attractive feature of the course this year was the special lectures given by visiting librarians. Mr. Chalmers Hadley, Secretary of the A. L. A., visited the school on July 13th, giving a talk to the class in the morning on the A. L. A., its history and work, and a lecture in the afternoon series before the entire University Summer School on the Library as an educational factor. Miss van Buren, of Mankato, took for her subject, Library hobbies, telling particularly of the work of the library for civic improvement. Miss Palmer, of Hibbing, spoke of

library work in Northern Minnesota, of the great mining industry and commerce of the Great Lakes. Dr. Max Batt, of the North Dakota Agricultural College, and a member of the North Dakota Library Commission, gave an enthusiastic account of a recent trip through North Dakota on a publicity car, where a traveling library was exhibited, and its advantages explained to the farmers. Miss Margaret Evans, of Northfield, Chairman of the Library Commission, gave a scholarly and stimulating talk to the class on the Self-culture of the librarian, urging them to maintain a high standard for their own personal reading, to task the mind with some solid reading that is enjoyed, to refine the mental powers by the reading of poetry, which is the noblest thought, expressed in the noblest way and suggesting the value of adopting a fad in order to change the current of one's thoughts.

On the last day of the school Miss Isadore G. Mudge, Instructor in reference work in Simmons College, Boston, spoke on the British Museum Library from the reader's standpoint, giving a most interesting account of her experience in using this great library for research work.

On Saturday, June 25th, the annual visit to St. Paul was made. At the Capitol the library and museum of the Historical Society was shown by Mr. Kingsbury in the absence of Mr. Upham, and the office of the Library Commission and the beauties of the building itself also claimed their share of attention. The class then proceeded to the public library, where they were cordially received by Mrs. McCaine and her staff, each department being shown by its attendant and all assembling finally in the children's room, for a social chat over refreshing cups of sherbet. After luncheon at the St. Paul Dispatch tea room, an interesting and profitable hour was devoted to the Dispatch reference library and bureau of information.

The Minneapolis library was visited later in the course, when Miss Countryman conducted the class through the library and outlined the work of its various departments. Under the guidance of Mr. Richard A. Lavell, Supt. of Minneapolis branches, an evening visit was made to the new Camden Branch, which is located on the upper floor of the Webber Memorial recreation house in Camden Park.

A visit to the Agricultural School Library on the day of the aviation meet, combined business with pleasure, as the windows of the library overlooked the Fair Grounds, and afforded a fine view of the aeroplanes.

The usual visits were also made to the Pillsbury Branch and the Handicraft Guild, Mr. Brooks' book shop and the H. W. Wilson Co.

The last official excursion was the trip to Stillwater, July 23rd. After the delightful trolley ride across country, an hour or more was spent at the library, those who wished visiting the state prison meanwhile. The party was then joined by Mrs. McPherson and several members of the Stillwater Library board and returned to Mahtomedi on White Bear Lake, where they were hospitably entertained at luncheon by Mrs. W. S. Conrad, a member of the Stillwater board, and spent a delightful afternoon on the lake shore.

The Delta Gamma Lodge was the library home, where the instructors and a large number of the class were in residence. Two informal "at homes" were given at the house, one in the nature of a house-warming during the first week and another to meet Miss Power. Recreation was further provided by a picnic at Spring Park, Minnetonka, July 4th, an automobile ride about the boulevards one Saturday afternoon, and many evening trips to Lake Harriet.

The following students were registered:

Clara L. Conway, Asst. Libn. P. L., Stillwater
 Florence M. Dovre, Libn. P. L., Sleepy Eye.
 Vera M. Dunlap, Asst. Hist. Soc. Library, St. Paul.
 Mollie Feldhammer, Montevideo.
 Elizabeth E. Glasser, Libn. Pub. Sch. Lib., Ironwood, Mich.
 Amy Hanscom, Libn. P. L., Willmar.
 Emma M. Hart, Libn. P. L., Spring Valley.
 Amy A. Lewis, Libn. P. L., Fergus Falls.
 Honora C. McLachlan, Libn. P. L., Glenwood.
 Gunhild Oftedal, Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Inga Pederson, Asst. Agric. School Library, St. Paul.
 Laura K. Perrin, Asst. P. L., Waukegan, Ill.
 Mabel Robords, Libn. Drury College, Springfield, Mo.
 Josephine Schain, Libn., Municipal Reference Dept. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Anna Sprung, Libn. P. L., Devils Lake, N. D.
 Agnes E. Torpey, Libn. P. L., Morris.

Jeannette Winchester, Asst. P. L., Corinna, Maine.
May Worthing, Libn. P. L., Monticello.

ROUND TABLE MEETING.

Morris. A round table meeting was held at Morris, June 9-10, with representatives from the libraries of Graceville and Benson in attendance. At the afternoon session, practical problems of library administration were discussed, and in the evening a public meeting was well attended. The secretary of the Commission gave a talk on various phases of library work and much interest was shown in the plan of county extension. On the following morning the guests were taken for an automobile ride through the city and surrounding country.

TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB.

About 50 members attended the annual outing of the Twin City Library Club at Lake Minnetonka on June 4th. The party went by trolley to Excelsior, where the steam launch Victor was boarded. This had been chartered for the trip through the upper and lower lakes, finally landing at Shady Island, where Mr. H. W. Wilson's delightful bungalow was headquarters. A delicious supper, superintended by Mrs. Wilson, was served on the piazza of the adjoining club house, after which a brief business session was held around the open fire in the bungalow. Miss Blanche Seely, librarian of Pillsbury Branch, Minneapolis, was elected secretary to succeed Miss L. May Brooks, who has resigned on account of her removal to California. Plans for the trip to Mackinac were then discussed informally. After a rousing vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for their charming hospitality, the party returned by boat to Excelsior, and thence by trolley to the cities.

NOTES FOR LIBRARIANS.

Subject Index to A. L. A. Booklist.

A subject index to the A. L. A. Booklist from January 1905 to June, 1910, has been issued by the A. L. A. Publishing Board. The index will be very useful, not only as a reference and buying list, but may be used by the small library as a check-list for subject headings. In preparing the list, considerable revision of the subject headings as suggested in the Booklist during the last

six years has been made, and analytical work has been done wherever the material seemed likely to be useful to the average library.

In the index to children's books which follows the index to adult books, the forms of heading agree in the main with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Catalog of books in the children's department.

The index will be sent by the Commission to every library in the state which receives the booklist.

U. S. Government Documents in Small Libraries.

This pamphlet, by J. I. Wyer, Jr., has been published as Library handbook No. 7 by the A. L. A. Publishing Board, and is the third edition, revised and enlarged, of the pamphlet published in June, 1904, by the Minnesota Library Commission. The present edition is entirely recast, the list of recommended documents revised and the whole considerably expanded. A copy may be obtained by any librarian in the state upon application to the Commission.

School Library Catalog.

A supplement to the Minnesota Catalog for public school libraries will be issued October 1st, by the Department of Public Instruction. The list was compiled by Martha Wilson of the Library Commission and contains about 265 titles, including many additions to the list of books for children's first reading, new publications of special interest to school libraries, and books on subjects in which there is a growing interest. The list is distributed to school libraries through the county superintendents, and public libraries may obtain a copy by applying directly to the Department of Public Instruction, The Capitol, St. Paul.

Some Good Reading Lists.

The Mankato public library has recently issued the following reading lists: "For a girl's pleasure," "Some useful books for useful boys," "Some helps for little housekeepers," and a new list of Sunday-School helps for teachers and pupils. Any library in the state may obtain a copy by addressing the librarian.

Agricultural Books and Bulletins.

Special attention is called to Extension Bulletin No. 2 of the University Department of Agriculture which contains Suggestions

to those desiring agricultural books and bulletins, by Anna M. Smith, librarian of this department. This is issued as No. 2 of the Minnesota Farmers' Library, which is published monthly for free distribution among the people of Minnesota desiring to receive it. If your library is not receiving this publication, write to Extension Division, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

Library Board Members.

In July reply postals were sent to each library in the state, asking for names of new appointments on library boards. But two-thirds of the libraries have been heard from at the present time, and it is very desirable that the Commission mailing list should be accurate and up-to-date. Librarians are asked to report any changes as soon as they occur, giving names with initials. If no changes have been made, kindly return the card, indicating this fact.

INSTITUTION NOTES.

Several of the libraries in the state institutions have been closed since the ending of the school year in June, but at Saint Cloud and at Stillwater the use of the books has continued without interruption. The monthly average for about 350 men at the former place is 2,900 books and bound periodicals, exclusive of unbound magazines and newspapers. The average at Stillwater is not so high, but is good when the fact is remembered that the men there are allowed to subscribe for their own newspapers and exchange with their fellows as well, so that the amount of newspaper reading of which the librarians have cognizance is so large that any use at all of the library is significant.

The three traveling libraries which have been placed at hospitals for the insane were visited by Miss Carey early in August after they had been available to the patients for about a month each. At St. Peter both the libraries have been placed on the female side in a small room used as a sewing room. The women come to this room freely and are encouraged to "browse." This they do with much pleasure. It has been noticed that they are loath to go away with a childish sort of story although they may have been reading the same with much eagerness. When it comes to having a book formally charged, however, and marching

away with it, human nature demands something more showy. This seems to indicate anew the desirability of reading-rooms for the insane or arrangements which make it easy for them to use the books best adapted to them. They have a pleasant fashion at St. Peter of taking the books out on the lawn and reading aloud from them. The nurse in charge is one who knows her people well and has sympathy for and understanding of their needs. This is the main thing, after all, and this is the reason why all the books at St. Peter are put into her charge.

At the asylum at Anoka the books were placed in the administration building and on that account were somewhat inaccessible to the patients. The head nurse at this institution is a young woman who loves and respects books and on this account there is much reason for hopefulness as to the success of the library among these people. At Hastings the books were put in a place easily reached by the people, and they have been having a great run. This is the first time that anything has been attempted at either Anoka or Hastings in the line of giving the people something to read. Only a small per cent of them are able to read and therefore a large expenditure for books would not be wise. But a traveling library seems to meet the situation exactly.

Miss Carey talked with some of the readers in order to find out what they liked—and the contrary. One man told her with much distinctness that there wasn't a decent book in the lot. In reply to her meek inquiry as to what he would like, he said "Hugo, Thackeray, and Dickens." Which goes to show once more that we are all very much alike in this world and that because one has to be kept apart from his fellows it does not necessarily follow that he cannot enjoy and appreciate as good things as the more fortunate.

The "receipts" which Miss Carey used for a library of 50 volumes for the insane was as follows: A little poetry, history, travel and biography in each, with something on hygiene, or right thinking, or diluted ethics—these to the number of about 20 books. The remainder of the collection, fiction, which includes some love stories, some adventures, some historical novels, some books about children, some simple stories of home life, and some animal stories. Sometimes such stories are classified as nonfiction. All

the editions are illustrated, if there are such to be had, and they are printed clearly and bound attractively.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES.

The Farmer's Library.

Co-operating with the extension division of the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota, a special Farmer's library has been made up and will accompany the exhibits of the Department to the county fairs to be held at Waseca, Sept. 1-3; Worthington, Sept. 12-14; Mankato, Sept. 19-21; Austin, Sept. 22-24; Kasson, Sept. 26-28; Rochester, Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Redwood Falls, Oct. 3-5; Canby, Oct. 6-8; Hutchinson, Sept. 14-16; Pine City, Sept. 19-21; Long Prairie, Sept. 22-24; Marshall, Sept. 27-29; Fairmont, Sept. 30-Oct. 1; Cokato, Oct. 7-8; Dassel, Oct. 14-15.

The library consists of 25 books of agriculture and 25 books of general reading. The books of agriculture were carefully selected by the Extension division and include only those which have been tested and found to be thoroughly practical. For the general reading a regular 25 volume traveling library is sent containing books of interest and entertainment for readers of all ages. A large poster accompanies each library and it is hoped that there will be considerable interest in this feature of the exhibit.

The Farmer's library will circulate as a regular traveling library, duplicate sets of the books of agriculture having been provided, and further calls for such libraries will be filled from the open shelf collection, combined with a rural traveling library.

Farmer's Library.

1. Bailey—Sanitary and applied chemistry. Macmillan.
2. Bowman & Crossley—Corn. Bowman.
3. Brigham—Progressive poultry culture. Torch press.
4. Card—Farm management. Doubleday.
5. Clarke—Modern sheep. Amer. sheep breeder.
6. Conn—Bacteria, yeasts and molds. Ginn.
7. Drew—Farm blacksmithing. Webb.
8. Elliott—Farm drainage. Wiley.
9. Green—Popular fruit growing. Webb.
10. ——— Vegetable gardening. Webb.
11. Gurler—Farm dairy. Breeder's gazette.
12. Hunt—Cereals in America. Judd.
13. Johnstone—Horse book. Sanders.
14. King—Physics of agriculture. King.
15. Plumb—Types and breeds of farm animals. Ginn.

16. Poore—Rural hygiene. Longmans.
17. Reynolds—Veterinary studies. Reynolds.
18. Sanders—Farm buildings. Sanders.
19. Shepperd—Household science. Webb.
20. ——— Laundry work. Webb.
21. Smith—Profitable stock feeding. Smith.
22. Snyder—Soils and fertilizers. Macmillan.
23. Toothaker—Commercial raw material. Ginn.
24. Warren—Elements of agriculture. Macmillan.
25. Watson—Textiles and clothing. Amer. school of home economics.

Club Libraries.

The club libraries are now being distributed for the season of 1910-11, the number of applications now on file being 65. It is expected that the total number will exceed that of last year, and as many of the clubs are devoting their attention to problems of the day, political, sociological and industrial, rather than adhering to study programs in the fields of art, travel and literature, the use of the reference department will be largely increased.

The following lists will give an idea of the study plans of the various clubs for the coming season:

Club Libraries Loaned 1910-11.

Ada (Schiller verein).....	France-History
Ada (Twentieth century).....	
.....	Italy and Switzerland
Aitkin	English literature—Victorian age
Albert Lea (Travel).....	Modern Egypt
Alden	Greece-Travel
Anoka	Italian painting-Renaissance
Appleton	Palestine
Bald Eagle	Shakespeare
Benson	French literature
Blackduck.....	U. S. History—Revolution
Buffalo (Chautauquan).....	Shakespeare
Cannon Falls.....	Japan
.....	Russia
Clinton	American literature
Cloquet	Germany
Detroit.....	U. S. Twentieth Century
Dodge Center.....	Holland and Belgium
Eveleth.....	Italian art
Fairmont	Mexico
Fulda	India and China
Garden City.....	U. S. Travel—West
Glencoe	Germany
Graceville	Shakespeare
Heron Lake.....	American writers
Kenyon.....	U. S. Travel—West
Lake Benton.....	U. S. Travel—East
Lanesboro.....	France and Austria
LeRoy.....	U. S. Travel—East

LeSueur.....Denmark, Norway and Sweden
 LitchfieldMusic
 Little Falls...Italian painting—Renaissance
 Long Prairie.....England
 LuverneHandicrafts
 —————South America
 MantorvilleItaly—Travel
 Marietta.....Denmark, Norway and Sweden
 MinneotaScotland
 Moorhead.....American literature
 Morris.....U. S. Social problems
 New Richland.....U. S. Travel—East
 New Ulm.....American painting
 OrtonvilleDrama
 Paynesville, English literature—17th Century
 PrestonBrowning
 Red Wing.....Spain
 Redwood Falls.....English literature
 RockfordShakespeare
 Royalton
German, Flemish and Dutch painting
 —————Holland
 St. Charles.....U. S. Island possessions
 St. Cloud.....Italian art—Survey
 —————Italian literature
 St. James.....Canada
 St. PeterSpain
 Sauk Center.....Japan
 SherburneEngland—Travel
 Springfield.....Household economics
 Tracy.....Denmark, Norway and Sweden
 TrumanU. S. Travel—West
 Wells.....American literature—Early
 Worthington (Tourist)....Italian painting—
 Gothic and Early Renaissance
 Worthington (Twentieth century) The Novel
 Zumbrota.....American literature

Many books have been sent out in the libraries as listed, but a considerable number of complete club libraries are still available as well as much good material for special needs. Clubs desiring libraries should send in requests at once.

Club Libraries Still Available for 1910-11.

American architecture and sculpture.
 Civil government.
 Drama—Modern.
 Egypt—Ancient.
 England—History.
 English art, including History of Arts and crafts.
 English literature (Survey.
 Byron, Shelly and Keats.
 Dickens, Tennyson.
 Eliot, Lamb, Scott.
 Shakespeare.

France—History to Revolution.
 Greece—History.
 Greek art.
 Household economics.
 Ireland and Wales.
 Minnesota.
 Music.
 Roman sculpture.
 Rome—History and art.
 U. S. History—Colonial.
 ——— Revolution.

Books on Civics.

In view of the civic improvement campaigns about to be undertaken in many Minnesota cities this fall, attention is again called to the list published on page 16 of Library Notes and News, March 1910. A number of additional titles on public health and hygiene have been added and many of these books are still available for loans.

PERSONAL.

Miss Margaret G. Bell, N. Y. State Library School, '09-'10, has been appointed librarian of the Lyndale Branch of the Minneapolis Public Library beginning September 1st.

Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard has been elected librarian at Little Falls to succeed Miss Cora Tanner resigned. Mrs. Blanchard has been a successful teacher for a number of years, and is well equipped for the work in the library.

Miss Lilly M. E. Borresen, Wisconsin Library School 1910, has been elected librarian of the Two Harbors Public Library to succeed Miss Hanson. Miss Borresen has formerly been a teacher in La Crosse, Wis., and during the past summer was reviser in the Wisconsin Summer Library School.

Miss Lydia Deuber, formerly assistant in the Mankato public library, has resigned her position, and will be married in January to Rev. Adelbert Schaller. Her future home will be Redwood Falls.

Mrs. Savylla Elliott, for many years librarian at Morris, has retired from her work at the age of 72, finding the growing demands of the library too great a burden.

Miss Grace Foland, formerly librarian at Benson, Minn., Wisconsin Library School, 1910, has been appointed librarian at Moorhead, Minn., and assumed her duties August 1st.

Miss Edith Frost, who has been librarian

at Willmar since the library was organized in 1905, has resigned her position, as she expects to remain abroad for some months.

Miss Winifred Gregory, Wisconsin Library School, 1910, has been made librarian of the Riverside Branch, Minneapolis.

Miss Jeanne Griffin, Drexel Institute Library School, 1909, and assistant cataloger in the Jackson, Mich., library, 1909-10, has been appointed head cataloger in the Duluth public library.

Mr. William Hamilton, Minnesota Summer School, 1909, who has been evening assistant in the Minneapolis public library while taking his University course, has entered the New York State Library School at Albany.

Miss Amy Hascom, who has been acting librarian at Willmar during Miss Frost's leave of absence, has been elected her successor, and attended the summer school.

Miss Stella Hanson has resigned her position as librarian at Two Harbors after a very successful year's work. She returns to her home in Mankato to succeed Miss Deuber as assistant librarian.

Miss Harriet E. Howe, who has been head cataloger at the University of Iowa, comes to Minneapolis to take a similar position in the public library. She assumed her duties July 1st.

Miss Effie A. Keith, a graduate of the Boston University and Simmons College library school, has been added to the staff of the University of Minnesota library.

Miss Corina L. Kittelson, Wisconsin Library School, 1910, has been appointed assistant in the Cataloging Department of the St. Paul public library.

Miss Leora E. Mabbett, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Illinois Library School, 1903, has been appointed assistant in the cataloging department of the University library.

Miss Lydia M. Poirier, formerly librarian at Duluth, is now in charge of the Chandler School for girls at Los Altos, California.

Miss Josephine Schain, who has practiced law in Minneapolis, and has had charge of the legal aid work of the Associated Charities, has been appointed librarian of the Municipal reference department of the Minneapolis public library.

Miss Maud Smith, cataloger in the St. Paul public library, has been given a year's leave of absence and will spend the winter in California.

Miss Cora Tanner, who has been librarian

at Little Falls for several years, has accepted a position as librarian of the High School library at Two Harbors.

Miss Agnes Torpey, who has been identified with the Morris public library as a member of the board, has been chosen as librarian to succeed Mrs. Elliott.

Miss Edith Whitman, librarian at Moorhead, resigned her position August 1st and was married September 12th to Mr. Andrew B. Shea of Wheaton, Minn.

Miss May Worthing has been elected librarian at Monticello to succeed Miss Edith Parker, who is now teaching school.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

Aitkin. The library board has applied to Mr. Carnegie for \$1,500 additional with which to complete the new building. This amount will completely finish the basement rooms and put up the building without any modifications from the original plans.

Alexandria. At the annual meeting of the Alexandria library board, the rules were amended to include all adult residents of Douglas county, whether permanent or temporary, among those entitled to the free use of books. This extends the library privileges not only to every family in the county, but to all summer tourists. In order to better accommodate all patrons the hours of opening were extended. After September 1st the library will be open on each week day afternoon and evening, and on Sunday afternoon as usual from three to five. Each patron will also be entitled to draw two books at a time, only one of which may be fiction.

Bemidji. The reports of the Bemidji library show an increasing use of the books since the new building was occupied. In May, 837 books were loaned, and the reading room attendance was 147, while in July, when most libraries report a decrease in attendance, 1,210 books were loaned, 65 new cards were issued, and the reading room attendance was 237.

Benson. The council has appropriated \$200 for the support of the library, and \$17.50 was raised by means of an entertainment. The secretary of the Commission met the board early in June and discussed plans for the future. A renting collection of late fiction has been installed.

Brainerd. Following the round table meeting at Brainerd, the Commission loan collec-

tion of picture books and attractive editions of children's books were on exhibition for several days for the benefit of mothers and teachers.

Brown's Valley. The public library was reopened the first of June, and is now open two days each week from 1 to 8 p. m.

Cloquet. The magazines which have been accumulating since the library was started have now been bound, and will be placed on shelves in the reading room for convenient reference use. These include *World's Work*, *Review of Reviews* and *Outlook* from 1900 to date, with *Scientific American* and 29 volumes of *American Lumberman*, which is of strong local interest.

An etching of James Walker's famous painting of the battle of Gettysburg has been presented to the library by T. O. Bowman.

Coleraine. The Carnegie library has been completed and as soon as the furniture is in place will be open to the public. Miss Baldwin of the Commission met with the board late in August to discuss plans for organization.

Dodge Center. As a result of library tag day on May 30, \$70 was turned over to the library treasury. There are over 400 books on the shelves and interest is steadily increasing.

Duluth. The West Duluth branch has recently been removed to larger and more convenient quarters. A two-year lease has been secured, and at the end of that time it is hoped that a permanent building will be completed. An offer of \$20,000 from Mr. Carnegie for a branch building in this section is now under consideration by the council, and will no doubt be accepted. The West Duluth branch is in a very flourishing condition, having about 3,000 borrowers enrolled, and the rapid growth of the city will demand larger provision for the needs of this locality.

A copy of Rembrandt's "Cloth merchants" has been loaned to the library for an indefinite time by Mr. Arthur H. Kreiger of Duluth.

Glenwood. The hours of opening have been changed to two afternoons and two evenings each week aside from Sunday afternoon in order to accommodate more of the people of Glenwood and Pope county. Placards giving the hours and days of opening and inviting people to use the library will be posted in conspicuous places. A public

reception to the teachers will be given at the library in September.

Graceville. On Wednesday, June 8th, the seventh district club meeting was held in Graceville. An informal meeting of the library board was called at the library early in the evening to meet Mrs. Higbee, state president of the Federation of Women's clubs, and Miss Baldwin, secretary of the Commission. The collection of books has been carefully built up, and the board was very much gratified by the comments of the visitors on the number and selection of the books.

Again at the public meeting in the opera house, Miss Baldwin spoke on the general subject of public libraries and the great advance they had made in Minnesota, referring to the Graceville library as being the second in the state to profit by the township extension law.

Rev. Michael O'Brien, of Minneapolis, quite recently pastor of Graceville, was received with much enthusiasm. To quote from a writer in the *Graceville Enterprise*: "He was reminiscent over the early fortunes and rapid development from small beginnings of our public library, paid a well merited tribute to the women of the community when he said that the two thousand volume library of today was largely due to their untiring efforts in its behalf; and he might have added very truthfully how much it owed to his own constant interest in it, an interest shown as in other ways so also in the donation of the books and in the financial help he was instrumental in procuring for it from the township board."

Howard Lake. The annual flower show of the Library and Improvement club was held in August. There were 20 more entries than last year, and the proceeds were \$96.

Kasson. The council has appropriated \$200 for the running expenses of the library at Kasson, to be paid in \$25 installments as needed. The library club has elected a board of nine members, and began the new plan of organization with \$156 in the treasury, including \$50 cleared from a home talent play. Miss Carey of the Library Commission reorganized the library, and it is now open free to the public.

Long Prairie. The reports of the Long Prairie public library show an encouraging growth in number of borrowers and circulation. During the month of May, there were 161 borrowers registered, and 347 books

loaned. In June, 794 books were issued, and 873 in July, while the number of borrowers is now 341.

A library fund "At home" was given on August 26th.

Luverne. The library board has purchased duplicate copies of the most popular fiction to be loaned for a fee of 5 cents a week.

Minneapolis. A branch reading room was maintained in the pavilion in Loring park through the summer and proved decidedly popular, especially with the children.

Property has been procured for a new branch building on the South side, and work on the new Hennepin branch has been begun.

Morris. At a meeting of the Stevens county commissioners held July 19, members of the Morris library board and the secretary of the Library Commission presented the plan of county extension, and \$500 was appropriated by the county board, to extend the use of the Morris public library to all residents of the county. Traveling libraries of 50 volumes each will be loaned to any community which applies for the privilege and will agree to take proper care of the books. Books are also loaned to individuals throughout the county, and special privileges are offered to teachers, clubs and debating societies.

New Richland. The library and rest room has been removed to new quarters, which will be much more convenient than the former location.

Northfield. The library has received many valuable gifts of books and pictures, since its removal to the new building. The

new cement steps and walk leading to the library are completed, and the lawn is being graded.

Robbinsdale. A new reading room was opened in June, with a reception given by the Library club. After a short talk by Mr. Ball, refreshments were served, and the military band gave selections during the evening. The room is open every evening in the week, in charge of different members of the club.

St. Paul. An open shelf room was opened in June, containing about 3,000 volumes carefully selected from fiction, history, biography, science and other literature.

Shakopee. A traveling library of English and German books has been placed in Miss Busse's millinery store, and the number of borrowers indicates that there is a growing demand for a permanent public library.

Two Harbors. A valuable addition to the local history collection is a number of early maps of the Lake Superior region, donated by the president of the Historical Society of Superior.

Wadena. The Wadena public library which has been supported for the most part by an annual entertainment has been closed for lack of funds.

Walker. The library board has accepted the plan used at Mapleton, Minn., as this building has proven satisfactory in every way.

Wells. The annual tag day for the benefit of the library was held June 25, under the auspices of the Currents Events Club.

Zumbrota. The Women's Relief Corps has placed in the library a handsome bronze memorial tablet, containing Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.